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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID IN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES	

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete and timely response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005, Applicant submits herewith the following Amendment and Petition for a three-month Extension of Time, extending the period of response from October 5, 2005 to January 5, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract and Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.